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The following is a complete listing of all claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

Listing of claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A communication system including:
2 a communication network; and
3 a plurality of terminal devices connectable to said communication
4 network for transmitting from a sender and receiving by a user an information
5 item through said communication network;
6 wherein said communication system includes a table which provides at
7 least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval condition at least one
8 corresponding identifier for an image or sound file to be displayed, so as to
9 enable said terminal devices of said user to detect in said information item
10 from said sender said at least one retrieval condition and if the retrieval
11 condition is detected in said information item by said user's terminal device to
12 display said information item with said at least one corresponding identified
13 image or sound file.
- 1 2. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.
- 1 3. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 2,
2 wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3 group consisting of key words and key marks.
- 1 4. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein said table includes designating data which designate necessary data

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- 3 for displaying said information item with said at least one corresponding
4 identified image or sound file.
- 1 5. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein said table includes necessary data for displaying said information
3 item with said at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.
- 1 6. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2 table is editable.
- 1 7. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2 table is transferable through said communication network.
- 1 8. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.
- 1 9. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 8, wherein said
2 e-mail has at least an attached file.
- 1 10. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2 table is stored in a memory of said terminal device.
- 1 11. (original) The communication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein said
2 table is open on a server computer on said communication network, so as to
3 enable said terminal device to download said table from said server.
- 1 12. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein each of said terminal devices includes:

3 a first function block for performing said retrieval under said retrieval
4 condition with reference to said table; and
5 a second function block for displaying said information item with said
6 at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 13. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim
2 12, wherein each of said terminal devices further includes:
3 a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through
4 said communication network.

1 14. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim 1,
2 wherein each of said terminal devices includes:
3 a processing unit; and
4 a memory accessible by said processing unit, and said memory storing
5 a computer program comprising:
6 means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval
7 condition with reference to said table; and
8 means for displaying said information item with said at least one
9 corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 15. (previously presented) The communication system as claimed in claim
2 14, wherein said computer program further comprises means for transmitting
3 and receiving said table through said communication network.

1 16. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication
2 network, said terminal device comprising:
3 a processing unit;

4 a communication unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for
5 transmitting and receiving an information item;
6 a display unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for
7 displaying said information item;
8 an operation unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for
9 operating said terminal device; and
10 a memory unit electrically coupled to said processing unit for storing a
11 table which provides at least one retrieval condition and for each said retrieval
12 condition at least one corresponding identified image or sound file, so as to
13 enable a said terminal device of a user to detect in ~~said an~~ information item
14 transmitted from a said terminal device of a sender said at least one retrieval
15 condition and if the retrieval condition is detected to display said information
16 item with said at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 17. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1 18. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 17,
2 wherein each said key object comprise at least one object selected from the
3 group consisting of key words and key marks.

1 19. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein said table includes designating data which designate necessary data
3 for displaying said information item with said at least one corresponding
4 identified image or sound file.

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- 1 20. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein said table includes necessary data for displaying said information
3 item with said at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.
- 1 21. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table
2 is editable.
- 1 22. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16, wherein said table
2 is transferable from said communication unit through said communication
3 network.
- 1 23. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.
- 1 24. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 23, wherein said
2 e-mail has at least an attached file.
- 1 25. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein said terminal device includes:
3 a first function block for performing said retrieval under said at least
4 one retrieval condition with reference to said table; and
5 a second function block for displaying said information item with said
6 at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.
- 1 26. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 25, wherein said
2 terminal device further includes:
3 a third function block for transmitting and receiving said table through
4 said communication network.

- 1 27. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 16,
2 wherein said memory stores a computer program comprising:
3 means for performing said retrieval under said at least one retrieval
4 condition with reference to said table; and
5 means for displaying said information item with said at least one
6 corresponding identified image or sound file.
- 1 28. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 27,
2 wherein said computer program further comprises means for transmitting and
3 receiving said table through said communication network.
- 1 29. (currently amended) A terminal device connectable to a communication
2 network, said terminal device including
3 a first function block for detecting in an information item a retrieval
4 condition, said information item and said retrieval condition having been
5 transmitted over said communication network by a said terminal device of a
6 sender to a said terminal device of a user; and
7 a second function block for displaying said information item with at
8 least one image or sound file identified as corresponding to each said detected
9 retrieval condition,
10 wherein said retrieval condition and each said identified image or
11 sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition is recorded in a table.
- 1 30. (canceled)
- 1 31. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

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1 32. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein said table includes designating data which designate necessary data
3 for displaying said information item with said at least one corresponding
4 identified image or sound file.

1 33. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein said table includes necessary data for displaying said information
3 item with said at least one corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 34. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein said table is editable.

1 35. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein said table is transferable from a communication unit through said
3 communication network.

1 36. (previously presented) The terminal device as claimed in claim 29,
2 wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1 37. (original) The terminal device as claimed in claim 36, wherein said
2 e-mail has at least an attached file.

1 38. (currently amended) A method of displaying information, comprising the
2 steps of:
3 detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said retrieval
4 condition having been inserted in said information item by a sender and said

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5 information item having been transmitted over a communication network by
6 said sender to a user; and
7 displaying said information item with at least one image or sound file
8 identified as corresponding to said detected retrieval condition,
9 wherein said retrieval condition and each said identified image or
10 sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition is recorded in a table and
11 said detecting is performed with reference to each of one or more retrieval
12 conditions in said table, said displaying being performed for each detected
13 retrieval condition, said sender and said user each being capable of executing
14 said method.

1 39. (canceled)

1 40. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein each
2 retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1 41. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 40, wherein each
2 said key object comprises at least one object selected from the group
3 consisting of key words and key marks.

1 42. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said
2 table includes designating data which designate necessary data for displaying
3 said information item with said at least one corresponding identified image or
4 sound file.

1 43. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 42, further
2 comprising the step of: reading out said necessary data in accordance with
3 said designating data before displaying said information item.

1 44. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said
2 table includes necessary data for displaying said information with said
3 corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 45. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 38, wherein said
2 information item comprises an e-mail.

1 46. (previously presented) The method as claimed in claim 45, wherein said
2 e-mail has at least an attached file.

1 47. (currently amended) A computer program for displaying information,
2 said computer program comprising:
3 means for detecting in an information item a retrieval condition, said
4 retrieval condition having been inserted in said information item by a sender
5 and said information item having been transmitted over a communication
6 network by said sender to a user; and
7 means for displaying said information item with at least one image or
8 sound file identified as corresponding to said detected retrieval condition,
9 wherein said retrieval condition and each said identified image or
10 sound file corresponding to said retrieval condition is recorded in a table and
11 said detecting is performed with reference to each of one or more retrieval
12 conditions in said table, said displaying being performed for each detected
13 retrieval condition, said sender and said user each being capable of executing
14 said method.

1 48. (canceled)

1 49. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2 wherein each retrieval condition in said table comprises a key object.

1 50. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 49,
2 wherein each said key object comprises at least one object selected from the
3 group consisting of key words and key marks.

1 51. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2 wherein said table includes designating data which designate necessary data
3 for displaying said information item with said corresponding identified image
4 or sound file.

1 52. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2 further comprising means for reading out said necessary data in accordance
3 with said designating data before displaying said information item.

1 53. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2 wherein said table includes necessary data for displaying said information
3 item with said corresponding identified image or sound file.

1 54. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 47,
2 wherein said information item comprises an e-mail.

1 55. (previously presented) The computer program as claimed in claim 54,
2 wherein said e-mail has at least an attached file.